Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) An image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the image retrieving device comprising:

an image storing section for storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

an object acknowledging section for acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword ~~so as to display~~ on a display, the keyword which relates to the <u>predetermined</u> object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

an object information inputting section for ~~confirming,~~ <u>confirming by the user,</u> adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing ~~section.~~<u>section when the predetermined object acknowledged by the object acknowledging</u> <u>section is similar to the object in the image previously stored in the database.</u>

2.   (Previously Presented) An image retrieving device according to Claim 1, wherein the object acknowledging section includes:

a human detection condition inputting section for setting up conditions for determining whether or not the image contains a human;

a face image detecting section for detecting a face image in the image; and

a face image similarity determining section for detecting a face image which is detected by the face image detecting section so as to detect a similar face image stored in the database according to the detected face imaged.

3.	(Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 wherein the object information inputting section serves as a personal information inputting section for confirming, adding, and correcting a personal information.

4.	(Previously Presented) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 further comprising a skin color area detecting section for detecting a skin color area in the image, wherein

the skin color area detecting section is used when the human is detected.

5.	(Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 further comprising a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword to the image which is inputted last in a case in which the similar face image is not detected by the face image similarity determining section.

6.	(Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 1 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

7.	(Currently Amended) A method for adding keywords in an image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the method comprising:

storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

proposing the keyword ~~so as to display~~ on a display, the keyword which relates to the <u>predetermined</u> object which is acknowledged by ~~the~~ <u>an</u> object acknowledging section; and

~~confirming,~~ <u>confirming by the user,</u> adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing ~~section.~~<u>section when the predetermined object</u>

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acknowledged by the object acknowledging section is similar to the object in the image

previously stored in the database.

8.   (Currently Amended) A storage medium having a program stored therein for

operating an image retrieving device which classifies and retrieves an image by detecting an

object in the image and adding a keyword, the storage medium comprising:

storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together

with the keyword in a database;

acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

proposing the keyword ~~so as to display~~ on a display, the keyword which relates

to the predetermined object which is acknowledged by ~~the~~ an object acknowledging section;

and

~~confirming,~~ confirming by the user, adding, and correcting the keyword which

is proposed by the keyword proposing ~~section.~~ section when the predetermined object

acknowledged by the object acknowledging section is similar to the object in the image

previously stored in the database.

9.   (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 2 wherein the

keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which

have hierarchical structure.

10.   (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 3 wherein the

keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which

have hierarchical structure.

11.   (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 4 wherein the

keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which

have hierarchical structure.

12. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 5 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have a hierarchical structure.

14. (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have a hierarchical structure.